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## W.L. Jackson Park and Artwork Dedication

Bernalillo County will hold a dedication ceremony for W.L. Jackson Park on Saturday July 9, 2005, at 10 a.m. The 3.75-acre park is located at 8600 Tramway, NE on the southeast corner of Tramway and Cedar Hill Rd.

The park's namesake, William L. Jackson, was one of Sandia Heights' first residents, a well-known community leader and a Sandia Properties former employee.

"Mr. Jackson enriched this community in so many ways," says County Commissioner Tim Cummins. "He helped build the tram, started the volunteer fire department, and operated and maintained the water well systems. It's a privilege to dedicate this beautiful park in his memory."

The park features a grass play area, sledding hill, walking trails, playground, shrubs and trees, and a drinking fountain. Public artwork, entitled "Sandia Allegory" by artist Don Kennell, includes two large lizard sculptures and three pottery shard benches. The artwork will also be dedicated on Saturday.

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